Introduced by Assembly Member Kehoe

April 27, 2004

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 229—Relative to California Museum Month.

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ACR 229, as introduced, Kehoe. California Museum Month.

This measure would recognize the important role that museums have in the state and would proclaim May 2004 as California Museum Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- WHEREAS, Museums significantly enhance the quality of life 1
- 2 for California residents; and
- WHEREAS, California museums provide their communities 3
- with many services and activities that add to and enhance those provided by the public sector; and 5
- WHEREAS, California is home to over 1,300 museums serving a total of over 26 million visitors annually; and
- WHEREAS, Museums serve every community and region 8
- throughout the state including at least one museum in every county 9 of the state: and 10
- 11 WHEREAS, Museums do important work that helps the state
- meet its obligations to citizens in the field of education; and 12
- WHEREAS, Museums contribute to formal and informal 13
- 14 learning at every stage of life, from the education of children in

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preschool through secondary school to the continuing education of adults; and

3 WHEREAS, Museums are a significant resource for in-service 4 training of California teachers; and

WHEREAS, Museums act as a repository for California natural and cultural history and are an important means of making the best of our society's art, science, history, and culture available to California residents; and

WHEREAS, Museums contribute significantly to California's 10 economic activity by providing a huge economic boost to their communities by attracting tourists and local visitors, all of whom create a demand for services; and

WHEREAS, California's museums are a major industry for the state; and

WHEREAS, Museums serve as a source of community pride in a state of rich diversity; and

WHEREAS, Museums are the part of a community that provides a common experience and a safe place that people from all backgrounds can share; and

WHEREAS, California's museums are one of the best bargains around with one-half of the state's museums providing free admission to adults; and

WHEREAS, The California Association of Museums has served to bring important recognition of this month during which museums will celebrate the diversity of community services they provide by hosting an eclectic array of public programming during the month of May 2004; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes the important role that museums have in the state and proclaims May 2004 as California Museum Month; and be it further.

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.